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*From marijuana in high school, to cocaine in college*

## Former addict seeks to rebuild life by staying straight

By Anne Pritchard Walsh

He was 20 years old when he was placed in the Eppler Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center. His heavy use of cocaine, speed, hallucinogens and alcohol had already forced him to drop out of school at Creighton. He was struggling through his first semester at UNO when he overdosed on cocaine three times, and was admitted to Eppler.

Today, he's 22 and on the way to completing his second consecutive semester at UNO with a 3.5 GPA. He has been 'straight' for over a year.

"The sad thing about this interview," he said, "is that people are going to read this and think it's a bunch of bullshit. I hope students read this with an open mind; there are people out there that need help."

John (not his real name) began using drugs when he was a freshman in high school. He'd started drinking while in the 8th grade, but had turned to marijuana because, "pot was easier to get than beer."

"A friend's older brother turned me on to pot when I was 13. Everyone had it, at least the people I hung around with," said John. "My pot use was way above average."

By the end of his junior year, John said his attitude toward school and family had changed.

### Under pressure

"I went from having good grades to not giving a shit. I was real nervous, insecure and afraid of what people thought of me," he said. "I was under a lot of pressure from my parents and school, so I was always uptight."

"I felt lost."

After graduation, he attended his first semester at Creighton, and the pressures increased. He began using speed, a stimulant, in addition to marijuana and alcohol.

"I used speed with good intentions, to stay up late and study. Within three weeks I was definitely addicted," John said. "I went from one tab a night to study, to 10-20 a day to keep from crashing."

He said his first year of college was "one big drug party." John said all of his friends were into drugs, in one form or another. He flunked out of Creighton by the end of the year.

By this time, John said his life "was in shambles." Blaming the pressures of school for his emotional problems, John decided to work in a construction business for awhile. His parents were unhappy with his decision, and John moved out of his home with a friend.

"My parents were just concerned, but at the time, I thought they were on my back. I moved out and didn't talk to them for six months."

He made good money working in construction and managed to save almost \$3,000, but much of his income went for various drug buys. It was at this time that his girlfriend became pregnant.

"I blamed things on everyone else, my girlfriend, work and parents. I had a million excuses for why things were the way they were," he said. "I was 20, my girlfriend was pregnant, and drugs were a good excuse to escape."

John said his use of drugs "skyrocketed," and he became violent, argumentative and defiant. The combination of drugs and alcohol led to fights in bars.

He decided to move home, and his parents, concerned with his behavior, suggested that he see a counselor from an employee-assistance program.

Though the counselor was unable to help him, he told John's father that he believed John had a drug problem.

"My Dad said no way. I was home every night by 12:00, and I went to work everyday," John said. "It hadn't become apparent to others. I kept it concealed from everyone."

He began using cocaine right before his baby was born.

### Found heaven

"I'll never forget the first night I used coke. I did a quarter of a gram; it was real pure," he said.

"I had found my heaven."

Within six months, John was using three grams of cocaine everyday. He surrounded himself with friends who were cocaine users and dealers.

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Linda Shepard

One in four . . . an estimated 25 percent of Americans have tried marijuana and about one of 12 uses it on a regular basis, according to the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse.

## Inside

### Drug Focus

Illegal drug sales in the United States were estimated by the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1981 to exceed \$80 billion. The Civil Liberties Union and NORML call for "reasonable regulation," while PRIDE opposes liberal drug laws.

### Top 10

Karen Nelson presents Muffie Razorblade and Virgin Vinyl of the preppie-punk rock group, Barf. They and others talk about life, love and the pursuit of a suitable mate.

### Royce Oliver

A UNO wrestling graduate assistant will seek a return trip to the Soviet Union for the World Championships.

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## Neurotica

By Karen Nelson

There seems to be several myths which are a part of urban life. One of the most current myths, commonly spread by city and lifestyle magazines, is this:

*In each American city, there are exactly 10 "most eligible" men and 10 "most eligible" women each year. And every one of them is single, rich, and accomplished.*

You know the kind of person I mean. He or she is young, sexy, had a 4.0 grade-point average in college and made his or her first million by age 19.

No one has ever actually met a 10 most eligible person. If 10 most eligibles really existed, they would probably only marry each other, breeding a "super elite" which would run the world from penthouses and feed only upon caviar, Godiva chocolates and Perrier.

Still, there's no reason why the Gateway should be left out of the 10 most eligible trend. After all, we'd like some of that elite readership, too.

As a result, I personally searched for the 10 most eligible. Since we are part of a state university, we couldn't limit the search to singles or only men or only women. Therefore, we can't say exactly what those on our list are eligible for. But you should be able to figure it out.

### THE 10 MOST ELIGIBLE

1: Assistant to the Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs **Walter Hargrove** said, "Me, a 10 most eligible? But I haven't done anything!" when he discovered he made the list.

As it turns out, Hargrove was correct. Since he was hired as assistant to the assistant vice-chancellor in 1972, Hargrove has not been assigned any duties. When the position of assistant vice-chancellor for student affairs was eliminated a few years ago, the personnel office apparently forgot to inform Hargrove. "When I took a two-month vacation to Mexico a few years ago, no one even noticed I was gone," Hargrove said.

As a hobby, Hargrove said he likes sitting at a desk and signing memos. "It makes me feel as though I'm doing something important," he said.

Hargrove said that he's looking for three things from a potential mate. "I'd like her to be warm, sensitive, and to be able to give me something to do."

2 and 3: You won't often find **Muffy Razorblade** and **Virgin Vinyl** sitting home by themselves on Saturday night. As drummer and lead singer for the preppie-punk rock group Barf, Razorblade and Vinyl are on the road constantly.

"We don't get too much into that dating crap, y'know?" said Razorblade. "I mean, what with rehearsals and being rude to the press and all, there just isn't time."

"Totally," Vinyl said.

"We've seen enough of the insides of bars to last us a lifetime. I don't want to go to some boozejoint when I'm not working," Razorblade continued.

"Fer shurr," Vinyl said. "Bars are demanding to the max."

Razorblade and Vinyl said they hoped that Barf's new single, "Send The Facist Reactionary Pigs Back To Bloomingdales," would get them more gigs on the road.

"You want to know what we want in men?" Razorblade

asked. "Warmth, sensitivity and strength. Those damn amps weigh a ton."

4: **Paul S.** (not his real name) patted the barmaid on the shoulder. "Check your action later," he said, then turned to me. "Hey, sweetie, how's your action?"

S. said he had been separated from his wife for three weeks. "We had an understanding, my wife and I. Apparently, she didn't understand real well, because she threw me out. She wasn't even a blonde — not my wife, the other woman that she threw me out over."

The separation from his wife didn't change things much, he said. "I still don't stay at the bars any later than 1 a.m. And I'm still looking for the same things from women — warmth, sensitivity and someone who looks like the Playmate of the Month who won't tell me I'm being trite when I say my wife doesn't understand me."

5, 6 and 7: **Mark Swan**, **Lisa Sparrow** and **David Dove** opened a law firm in Regency in 1975. Since then, Swan, Sparrow and Dove has been known as one of the most successful corporate law firms in the area.

During the past couple of years, however, business has been down.

"The recession has really been rough on us," Dove said. "No one is suing anyone else unless they're sure they can make big bucks from the suit. And if the other party won't cooperate and be sued, it makes it more difficult for us to make a living."

"Our social life has gone downhill this last year," Sparrow added. "I had to give up aerobic dancing classes, though I do try to fit in some tennis twice a week."

Swan said, "Basically, we're all looking for the same thing from this article — someone with warmth and sensitivity and lots of free publicity for our law firm. You don't think you could get it out on the AP wire, could you?"

8: **Greg Prizle** said, "I can't think of anything exceptional about me. I thought this article was going to be about the 10 most unnoticeable people. What I want in a woman is someone who is warm, sensitive and owns a brewery. Failing that, someone who owns a bar will do."

9: When **Maribeth Langg-Watermark** called and said she wanted to be in this article, it was a shock. After all, Langg-Watermark is as close a person to the 10 most eligible cliché as you can get.

"That's exactly the problem," she said. "I'm close, but no one ever uses me in these articles. Last year, some city magazine in Seattle was going to include me, but the editorial staff decided that a Ph.D. from Notre Dame wasn't good enough. Instead, they chose some floozie who went to the Sorbonne."

Langg-Watermark said she wants all the usual things, "warmth, sensitivity, good looks, a sense of humor, bla, bla, bla."

10: **Gateway staff members.** What's the point of having a 10 most eligible list if you can't include yourselves?

At this point, the staff is looking for the same qualities it has always looked for in friends and lovers: warmth, sensitivity, and people who don't mind seeing us only one hour a week.

If you want to apply — well, you know where to find us.

## Get away from it all with supplies at OVC

By Cindy Gonzalez

Need a break away from the monotony of student life?

UNO's Outdoor Venture Center (OVC), located in room 100E of the HPER building, is a benefit more people should take advantage of, said Jim Fullerton, an outdoor recreation specialist at the center.

OVC's primary function is renting equipment like skis, canoes, tents and camping gear to UNO students. Minimal rental fees allow tight-budgeted students the chance to retreat on a vacation whenever desired. The rentals are based on daily, weekly, and weekend rates with an additional \$20 refundable deposit. Horseshoes, volleyball, and outdoor games are also available for students to use cost-free.

Fullerton said he wants to develop a more exciting outdoor recreation program and to incorporate more trips into the curriculum. The OVC previously offered only a few trips throughout the year, he said.

A person does not have to be an experienced camper or outdoorsman to enjoy the trips, according to Fullerton. Most of the participants are beginners who are interested in different experiences and seeing new surroundings he said. They also have the opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills.

OVC offers a variety of activities. This semester, students are invited to canoe the Niobrara River, cross-country ski, and share in a map and compass orienteering race, which is an advanced form of a scav-

enger hunt.

Ten students will also backpack in the Grand Canyon during spring break. Equipment such as sleeping bags, eating utensils, backpacks and transportation is provided for each outing. Students are responsible for bringing clothes and personal items. Cost varies with each individual excursion and is limited to a first-come-first-serve basis.

OVC traveled to Mexico on a co-op trip with UNL during Christmas break. The two-week trip featured backpacking along Mexico's most primitive trails and traveling through canyons and rural villages.

An unexpected pleasure arose, said Fullerton, when UNO students found themselves on the banks of the overflowing Rio Urique River.

"Normally we would have waded," said Fullerton, "but we met some men who offered to give us a ride across the river on their burros for 100 pesos (about 70¢) each."

Further down the banks, the hikers spotted a burro that had been washed down the river with the current. They welcomed the transportation and everyone was pleased with the journey said Fullerton.

"The organized trips inspire people to venture out on their own," he said. Staff members assist people in selecting equipment and planning trips.

A bike trip to DeSoto Bend, a cross-country ski trip to Minnesota, a downhill ski trip in Colorado are among other trips the OVC has sponsored this year.

## What's Next

What's Next will appear in the Friday Gateway. Information for publication should be in the Gateway office by 1 p.m. the preceding Friday. Due to space limitations, priority will be given to timely announcements by student organizations.

### Setting Goals

Do you have questions about your career goals or academic major? Career Development Workshops will be offered Monday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 7, or Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6.

The sessions will meet in the Council Room in the student center, third floor. Registration fee is \$10.00 To reg-

ister, or for more information contact Lois Diely at 554-2409, Eppley 115.

### Smackwarm

Smackwarm is currently accepting work from writers nationwide. Poetry should be typed one poem to a page. Fiction should be typed, double spaced, no more than 25 lines to a page, 15 pages maximum.

Submission deadline is March 11, 1983. All submissions must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope. Send all entries to: Smackwarm, Annex 21, UNO, Omaha, Neb. 68182 or call (402) 554-2771.

### YWCA Training

The YWCA is beginning a training session for those interested in working on the Women Against Violence pro-

gram. Training begins on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Call Mary Larsen, director of Women Against Violence at 345-6555.

### To Conquer

The latest UNO Dramatic Arts Production, "She Stoops to Conquer," begins tonight and runs Saturday and Sunday. It will also run March 4-6 at 8 p.m.

The play is directed by UNO instructor William Lacey. Lead actors and actresses include Douglas Marr, Cheryl Singer, Mike Dowd, Leslie Gilreath, Laura Marr, Steve Gibbs and John Wees. For further information, call 554-2335.

### Scholarships

Applications for the Nelle Boyer-Phi Delta Gamma

Scholarship and the Mary-Allen Petterson Phi Delta Gamma Scholarship, each \$200, will be accepted until March 31 in the graduate office, Eppley 204. Winners will be selected in April.

The scholarships are available to women graduate students who have been admitted to candidacy for a graduate degree and who are currently enrolled for six or more semester hours.

### More Scholarships

The Eastern Chapter of the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers Auxiliary is offering three \$400 scholarships to Engineering or Pre-Engineering students attending UNO, or to engineering students of other schools, if their parents are

members of the organization.

Eligibility, further requirements and applications can be obtained from Lyke Young, dean of the College of Engineering in Lincoln or Peter Lama, scholarship chairman at UNO. The deadline for application is March 20.

### Mackenzie Sings

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Ruth MacKenzie of Minneapolis will perform between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, in the

Student Center ballroom. Her appearance is being sponsored by UNO's Student Programming Organization as part of its spring "Coffee Spot" series.

### Parenting

A workshop "To be or Not to Be: Making the Decision to Parent" will be offered at the PKCC beginning tomorrow, for three Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

The fee is \$25 for individual (continued on page 4)

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# Clubs offer students social life

A perennial complaint at UNO is that there is no social life. Because UNO is a commuter campus, students jump into their cars and head for home after classes. So, say students, there is never an opportunity to meet and socialize with their fellow classmates.

The numerous clubs, organizations, and societies at UNO dispute this complaint. There is a social life here, and a quick phone call to William Munson, advisor to student organizations, can put students in touch with others who share common interests.

There are organizations for foreign students, minority students, academic clubs, political and religious groups. The following list includes most of the clubs offered on campus, and Munson can be reached at 554-2383.

## Academic Associations

American Society of Civil Engineering; American Society of Interior Designers; Associated General Contractors; Biology Club (Tri Beta); Chemistry Club; Criminal Justice Student; Dramatic Arts; Geological Society; History Club; Human Relations Association.

Instrument Society of American (ISA); Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE); National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association; History Club (Phi Alpha Theta); Finance Club (Phi Iota Nu.)

Political Science (Pi Gamma Mu); Real Estate (Rho Epsilon); Society of Professional Journalists (Sigma Delta Chi); Society for the Advancement of Management.

Society of Physics Students; Student Home Economics Association; Student Social Work;

Students for Quality Education.

## Religious Organizations

Baptist Student Union; Chapter Summary Bible Study; Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship; Latter Day Saint Association; Newman Union Club (Catholic); United Christian Ministries; Bahai Club of UNO.

## Political Organizations

Democratic Socialists of America; Young Democrats; Young Republicans; Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA); Student Government.

## Minority Student Clubs

American Indians United; Black Athletic Players; Hispanic Student Organization; Minorities in Engineering; NACCP; United Minority Students.

## Foreign Student Clubs

African Students; General Union of Palestine; Arab Students; Iranian Moslem Student Organization; Iranian Student Organization; Nigerian Student Organization; International Student Organization; International Student Services.

## Other Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous; Arnold Air Society; Faculty Women's Club; Handicapped Student Organization; Honors Program Student Organization; UNO Cheerleaders; UNO Skydiving Association.

Students for Awareness of Life; Pen & Sword Society; Student Programming Organization; Women's Resource Center; WNO Campus Radio Station.



## Acting on orders

After his mother tells him to do so, actor Mike Dowd reluctantly kisses his father, played by Doug Marr. The latest UNO production, *She Swoops to Conquer*, opens tonight and runs Feb. 27, 26 and March 4-6. For further information, call 554-2335.

# What's Next

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uals and \$40 for couples. Contact the College of Continuing Studies at 554-3399 or 554-2755 for more information.

## Research Contest

Pi Gamma Mu, the International Social Science Honor Society is announcing the first annual Spring Research Paper Contest. All currently enrolled students are eligible. Papers must deal with a social science topic. The deadline for entry is Feb. 28.

In addition to a certificate of achievement and two free tickets to Pi Gamma Mu's spring banquet, the paper will be submitted to the University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Review. If published, the paper will be eligible for a

\$250 prize.

## Assertiveness

"Assertiveness for Men and Women" begins Tuesday, March 1, at the PKCC from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The course will examine non-verbal communication, the difference between assertive and aggressive behavior and handling criticism and anger.

The fee is \$40. Call 554-3399 or 554-2755 to register, or for more information.

## Computers

"Basic and the Business Computer: How to Get It Done on Your Own" is the topic of a course which meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. starting March 1 for eight weeks at the PKCC.

The course will be a practical program with hands-on

experience. Participants will learn BASIC, a computer language, and how to create and run programs in BASIC for solving business problems including payroll, cost-volume, forecasting, invoicing, questionnaire tabulation and financial analysis.

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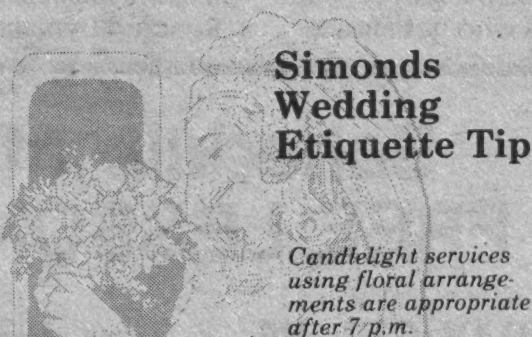
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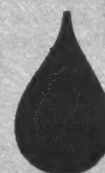
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# Stones' fans want it louder

Not even an unruly midnight crowd could get the Six West Theatre operators to turn up the sound on *Let's Spend the Night Together* the new Rolling Stones movie.

Despite pleas from the audience to "Turn it up!" the sound remained at a very sedate level. Apparently the sound in the movie was recorded well (on a 24-track audio system), but it was hard to tell. At the Six West it was like listening to a cheap AM radio.

The movie would be more enjoyable at a theater with an adequate sound system cranked. It's just hard to get the feel of a concert when you can hardly hear the music, even though the photography is excellent.

Director Hal Ashby used 20 cameras to capture the concerts, and they are used well to capture the Stones in action on stage.

Almost all of the movie is devoted to showing the concert, not backstage preparation or interviews with the musicians.

The cameras were usually pointed at Mick Jagger, who pranced from one end of the stage to another, delighting the

crowds with his bounding up and down and various gyrations.

The movie opens at Tempe, Arizona in the Sun Devil Stadium, then moves to New Jersey for indoor shows. Some of the last few songs feature footage from both concerts.

The movie does get a bit boring at times, but a few special segments help keep it from getting too monotonous. An accelerated segment of the crew setting up the stage is accompanied by the Stones singing "Going to a Go Go," and during "Honky Tonk Women," a chorus line of women bound on to the stage. Charlie Watts' wife Shirley and Mick Jagger's girlfriend Jerri Hall are in the chorus line.

But mostly the movie shows the Stones playing 25 of their songs. It is an upbeat movie, but for some reason, during one of the first songs, a sequence of war atrocities is shown. The sequence is badly out of place and the movie would have been much better without it.

*Let's Spend the Night Together* is an enjoyable movie. It is showing at the Six West Theatres and is rated PG.

—Chris Mangan

# Sophie is subtle yet engrossing

*Sophie's Choice*, a faithful adaptation of William Styron's novel, stands by itself as an excellent, engrossing film. To those not familiar with the novel, *Sophie's Choice* is the story of "Stingo," a young Southern writer, who has left Virginia to travel to Brooklyn.

While living in Brooklyn, he hopes to write the great American novel. It is while Stingo lives in Brooklyn that he meets Sophie, a Polish-Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, and Nathan, her "fatally-glamorous" lover.

Stingo, Sophie and Nathan become fast friends. It is through his friendship with Sophie and Nathan that Stingo learns about the deceptiveness of appearances and about the guilt and fear that most people have to live with.

Stingo becomes a man during a trying but rewarding friendship with Sophie and Nathan.

As the relationship unfolds, we learn of Nathan's hidden faults and what Sophie's choice was.

Director Alan J. Pakula (*All the President's Men*) keeps the secret until revealing it in a scene that is as emotional as any I have viewed.

The scene presents the Holocaust in its true human



Object of his obsession . . . Sophie (Meryl Streep) and Nathan (Kevin Kline) share a bittersweet love.

terms. It may prove difficult for anyone not to be deeply moved as they learn what Sophie's choice was.

*Sophie's Choice* presents ensemble acting at its finest. Kevin Kline is a suitably flamboyant Nathan and Peter MacNichol is both gallant and understanding in the difficult role of Stingo.

MacNichol shapes his performance well as he goes from a young boy-man, who is an observer of life, to a man who attempts to control his life and helps his friends, who he

learns to love deeply.

*Sophie's Choice* presents Meryl Streep in a truly astounding performance as Sophie.

Streep is always engrossing as we learn about her past in Poland, Auschwitz, and America. She performs these scenes in Polish, German, and a thickly-accented English.

She is never more believable than when she is required to speak German during the scenes set in Auschwitz. It is a tribute to her excellence.

Because it was necessary

for Director Pakula to compress the novel, the guilt that Sophie felt because she survived Auschwitz was not explained well.

A little more insight into this would have been helpful since it was the motivation for most of the action. It also directly affected *Sophie's Choice*.


Nestor Almendios (*Days of Heaven*) evoked the era of the 1940s in his subtle photography. Marvin Hamlisch presented a musical soundtrack that is subtle, and heightened the emotional impact of the film. All of the technical credits are excellent.

*Sophie's Choice* is not a light romantic film. It is an excellent psychological study of an ill-fated relationship. It presents actors at the height of their craft and a director who presented a complex style that is both subdued and flamboyant. An excellent film.

—Robert Hancock



Jagger spends the night . . . from Sun Devil Stadium in Arizona to New Jersey.



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*"I got outside and I couldn't breathe, everything was in a blue haze. I couldn't feel my body, anything . . . I think I was very close to death that night."*

*Accepting responsibility is difficult*

## Drug addiction affects entire family

By Kathy Swain

Drug addiction is a family disease, according to Dory Golden, coordinator of the Family Program for the Eppley Chemical Dependency Services.

What that means, said Golden, is that if a family member is dependent on a drug, other family members experience the same symptoms and problems, except for the dependency on the drug itself.

More than 570 family members sought help from Eppley Chemical Dependency Services in 1982, Golden said, including those whose addicted-family member had recovered.

"When you become dependent on another (person) to change for your own well-being, then you need help," Golden said.

### Collective suicide

The entire family becomes preoccupied with the drug, just as the addicted person does, she said. This leads to "a kind of collective suicide of family life," she said.

The problems of the family of the recovering drug user can be just as serious as the problems experienced by the addict, Golden said.

When the recovery of the addict begins, she said, the family often feels at a loss. They are confused by the changes, such as the addict becoming more responsible. The family may resent giving up their control.

Golden said that family members may have blamed their own unhappiness on the person using drugs and then find it difficult to handle the recovery. They may have thought, "As soon as 'X' gets well, I'll be OK, too," she said.

Unfortunately, as the addict recovers, the other family members find that they are responsible for their own unhappiness and are forced to seek other solutions, said Golden.

As a result, the family members often experience delusion, denial and compulsion, just as the addict does, she said. Some family members will try to escape the problem by leaving or becoming more socially active. Others might cover up the problem by withdrawing socially or destroying the evidence of the drug by throwing the bottles away, Golden said.

The problem eventually affects the whole family, she added. For example, some family members may develop allergies or have anxiety attacks. They may also have mental problems such as hypochondria or feelings of failure, she said. As the problems get worse, some family members might have nervous breakdowns or commit suicide, she said.

The Family Program provides group therapy, lectures and films during a three- or five-week period. The three-week program is held during the day and the five-week program is conducted at night, Golden said. Family members are welcome, she said, whether or not the addict has sought help.

### Face the problem

In the program, families learn about methods which can be used to face and solve the problem, she said. The emphasis, she

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He was making \$11 per hour at his construction job, paid no rent at home, but still did not have enough money to maintain his spiraling cocaine habit.

So John began dealing coke, selling about an ounce a week. In one year, he estimates that he spent between \$17,000 to \$20,000 for cocaine, and also spent the \$3,000 he had in savings.

"At that time, I had only one thing on my mind — get coke. I'd step on anyone; I had a list written down of people who were in my way. I would've killed," he said. "I wanted to be a millionaire selling coke."

He enrolled for the first time in the fall of 1981 at UNO. He routinely did "five or six lines" of cocaine before attending a 7 a.m. class.

John overdosed three times on cocaine during the first part of the semester. He remembered the final time; the time that almost killed him.

"I got to school, sat in the parking lot and did some coke, then I went to all my classes. I went to the bar at noon, and during the afternoon I polished off three grams."

"I went out that night to sell some, then I sat all night snorting some at my friend's, then I left at about 4:30 a.m."

### Blue haze

"I got outside and I couldn't breathe, everything was in a blue haze. I couldn't feel my body, anything. I got to 45th and Dodge, and I was driving about 60 miles an hour, with my head out the window trying to breathe."

John remembered getting into bed, but somehow ended up curled in a fetal position on the bathroom floor. He had cramps and convulsions, plus alternating hot and cold flashes.

"I think I was very close to death that night," said John, though he was never hospitalized.

By this time, his behavior had become increasingly paranoid and unpredictable. John said he "blew up" when his girlfriend put mustard on his sandwich — the sandwich ended up plastered on a wall.

His brother, who shared a bedroom with John, also noticed the violent moods.

"He saw all my crazy behavior. He saw me outside with a baseball bat, because I thought someone was out there. He saw me go to bed with all the lights on, because I thought there was someone under the bed."

His brother also found over \$1,000 in cash and checks on John's dresser top, income from cocaine sales. Shortly thereafter, John asked his parents for tuition money because he was broke.

"They started to put two-and-two together," he said.

### Surprise attack

His family and girlfriend secretly began attending a three-week training process for family intervention. John described it as "surprise attack."

"They confront you, and tell you the way you've been. They give you an ultimatum: either get help or hit the streets."

He remembered the night it happened, when two counselors from Eppley came to his home.

"I was downstairs trying to study for a sociology test when

added, is to "get family members to feel responsible for themselves."

Operation Bridge, a mental health agency partially funded by the state of Nebraska, also emphasizes treating the entire family, including the drug user, according to Ted Kyster, a counselor at the agency. Kyster said that the person with the addiction "is a symptom" rather than the problem.

At Operation Bridge, Kyster said, counselors study the "family system" which is seen as the root of the problem of drug addiction.

A family with a drug user is either very authoritarian or lacks leadership and rules, he said. Within these family structures, the addict either runs the family or feels lost because of the lack of rules, he said.

Once the existing family structure is discovered, the therapist works to change communication patterns, Kyster said. For example, he said, the therapist may find that one spouse talks to the other through the children. The therapist encourages the spouses to talk directly to each other.

Therapy at Operation Bridge usually lasts from four to six weeks, said Kyster. In the past six years, he said, more than 6,500 people have participated in Operation Bridge programs.

### Places to go for help:

Counselors at some of the treatment centers in Omaha gave basic information about the kind of help available to the drug user, and how much it costs.

**Eppley Chemical Dependency Services**, 3612 Cuming, offers five treatment programs, including an adult and an adolescent inpatient program. They also have outpatient facilities, a treatment plan for families and an after-care program. Adult inpatient care takes approximately 35 days and costs \$130 per day. The adolescent inpatient program last about 60 days and costs \$140 per day. The family plan takes three weeks and costs \$375.

**Mercy Hospital**, 800 Mercy Dr., Council Bluffs, has an adult and an adolescent inpatient treatment program as well as outpatient facilities. The adult inpatient care lasts about 30 days and costs \$125 per day. The adolescent inpatient treatment lasts 35 to 40 days and costs \$135 per day, effective March 1.

Mercy Hospital also has a four-week family program and costs \$150. The cost of the 12-week after-care program is included in the inpatient rate.

**Operation Bridge**, 42nd and Center streets, offers tailor-made treatment programs for the individual and families. Since the problems differ from person to person, the treatment approach varies. The cost at Operation Bridge is based on the person's income and ability to pay.

More specific information can be obtained by calling treatment centers. Health insurance plans cover all or some of the cost of treatment in many cases.





my dad came down and said there was someone here to see me. There were two counselors, one mealy-mouse guy and one big guy that scared the shit out of me. They said, 'We know you are using drugs.'

"Of course I minimized everything, I told them I only did it socially. The mean-looking one said, 'Come on, your story's just like mine. You're not kidding me, you're just kidding yourself. We all know your game.'"

John said he knew they had him cornered, so he agreed that he had a problem, thinking that he'd have to go see a counselor once or twice a week.

But his bags were packed. Either he admitted himself to Ep-pley, or he was out of the house.

"I didn't want to go, I was upset about withdrawing from school. But I went because I didn't want to be on the street," he said.

John said the event that "really broke" him, was when his father found a vial of cocaine in his car.

"I told my dad it was baking soda. He just laughed. He'd had it analyzed at Lutheran Hospital, and the report showed that it was 95 percent coke."

John spent 42 days in the Eppley Drug Rehabilitation Program. He said he did not experience any physical withdrawal symptoms, but the psychological problems were severe.

"Psychologically, it takes two months to seven years to get over the addiction. I don't think there are any drug addicts who aren't psychologically addicted," he said.

#### Back to reality

John said the treatment broke down his excuses, and forced him back to reality.

"They make you take a look at how bad you are, what you've done to other people by destroying their lives. I was so afraid of treatment at first," he said, "but I'd been so far down and so fed up that I was willing to do anything once I got there."

He moved to a half-way house when his treatment program at Eppley was completed. He stayed there for six weeks, be-

coming adjusted to daily sober living.

He was advised in the program not to move home, so after living temporarily with a friend, he found a "rat-trap" apartment.

John resumed his old job at the construction company, but didn't resume his friendships with the former cocaine users.

"I can't afford to be around that old behavior. My sober, straight life depends on staying away," he said. "There is an old saying — if you hang around a barber shop long enough, you'll get your hair cut."

John said he's only been around cocaine one time since he quit using the drug.

"I was at a party with some old friends. I started half-way upstairs where they were doing coke in the bedroom. My knees just melted. I turned around and left the party," he said. "I can't relate to them. It's like staring myself in the face."

Remaining straight isn't easy, but John said he survives the old temptations by participating in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. He said he's also rediscovered God and prayer.

His relationship with his family "is great now." John has enrolled at UNO for the second consecutive semester, and said, "I love school. I love UNO."

#### Reach out

He said persons who have a drug or alcohol problem can get help if "they're just willing to reach out for it. A person doesn't have to keep using drugs if they don't want to."

"This is a very serious disease in epidemic proportions. Some doctors think it is the largest killer."

John said he's been around people that "killed, robbed and raped," but have changed their lives through various rehabilitation programs. He said the price of going straight has been well worth it.

"Today, I have a choice, however simple or complicated. The only choice I had in the past was whether I'd buy one gram or 100. I was a prisoner of my own self."

"My worst day today is 100 times better than my best day when I was using."

## Possession of drugs besides 'pot' a felony

By Kenny Williams

One week ago today, state patrol officials and Sarpy County sheriff's deputies seized 2,500 pounds of marijuana from two Bellevue garages. Subsequent investigations lead to 500 additional pounds in Lincoln, 110 pounds in Kansas, and 70 pounds in California.

The nearly 1½ tons of marijuana comprised the largest single drug bust in Nebraska history, and had a value of approximately \$1.5 million.

"Every kid, by the time they have reached college age, has probably experimented with drugs," said Lieutenant Charles J. Circo of the Omaha Narcotics Division. "But kids today are a lot smarter," he said, "more familiar and knowledgeable about the effects of drug use."

Despite apparent widespread use, David Castilow, Director of UNO Campus Security, does not see a drug problem at UNO. "There has actually been a decrease in reported incidents. To my knowledge nothing has been reported to us this year."

The campus security's policy on drug-related problems is to detain any suspect until Omaha Police arrive.

#### No UNO Arrests

Lt. Circo acknowledged that they "generally don't make many arrests on campus," but added that they do "work hand-in-hand with the school on drug-related matters."

Omaha area statistics show a slight increase in drug offenses. Uniform crime reports (UCR) show that 603 persons were charged with various drug offenses in 1981. Of those arrested, 317 were charged with possession of marijuana of under one pound.

The 1982 UCR showed a 5.3 percent increase, with a total of 635 persons charged. For possession of marijuana under one pound, 346 were charged. A first offense is a misdemeanor in Nebraska. Other drugs carry a much stiffer penalty.

"Basically," explained Samuel Cooper of the County Attorney's office, "if you are in possession of anything other than marijuana, you are guilty of a felony."

What type of felony is a complicated matter. Different drugs carry different penalties. Also, the laws and statutes of the state are regularly amended. As recently as 1980, cocaine was re-classified as an "exceptionally hazardous substance."

The sale or delivery of cocaine in any amount is a schedule-one offense, a class two felony. The charge carries a penalty of 1-50 years imprisonment.

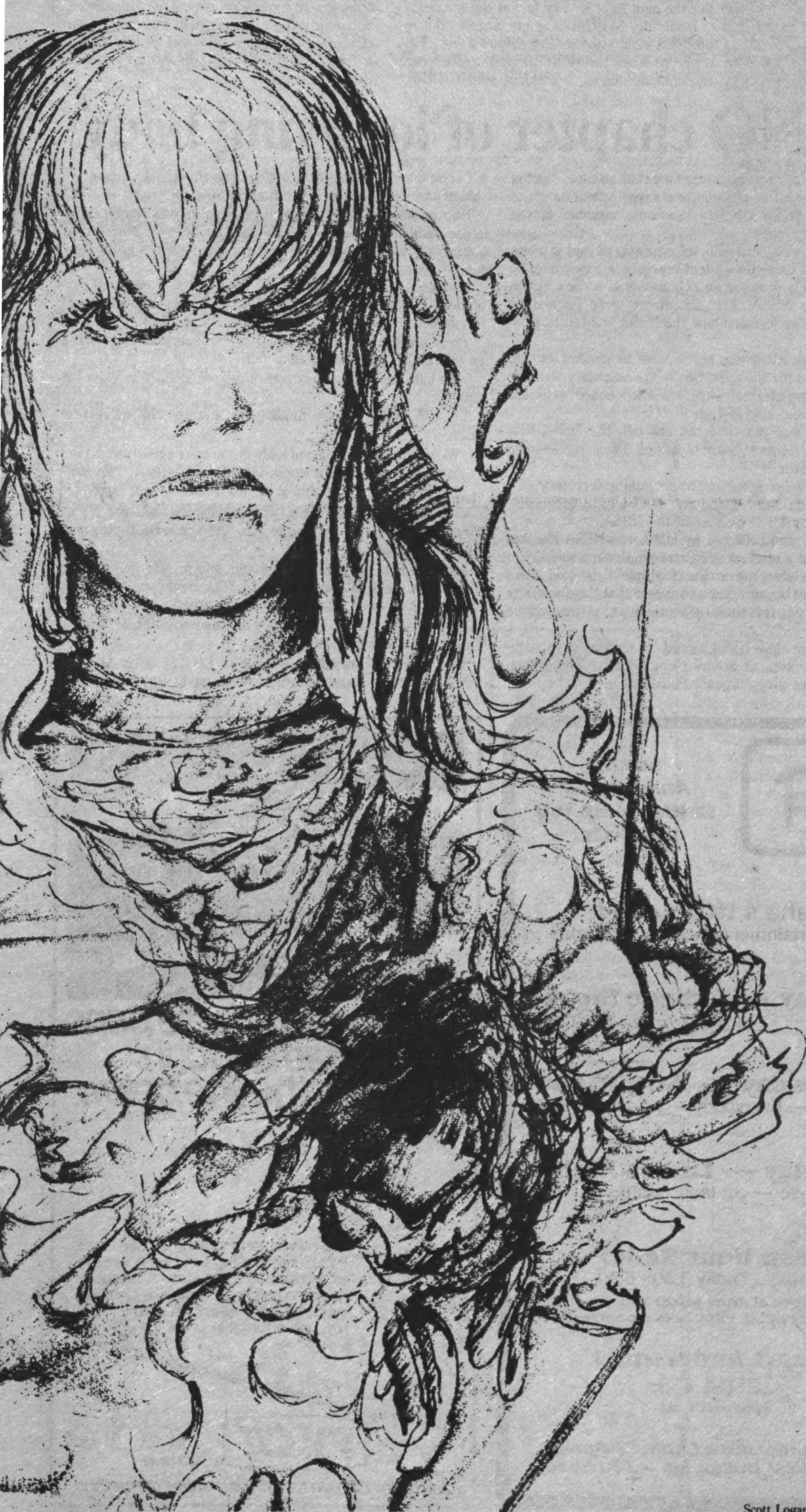
#### Most popular

Lt. Circo said that marijuana is still the most popular drug used, but cocaine was the drug of choice.

"We are seeing more cocaine now, usually in small amounts. Generally it is in one gram, which is cut with another substance. This leaves the actual cocaine content between 25-35 percent. These cost about \$100 per gram."

"I don't think we will ever reach the point where the use of illegal drugs will stop completely," said Circo. But he pointed out "I see a trend away from drug use in general. It has to do with health. We are becoming a more health conscious society."

"The use or non-use of drugs is a choice, regardless of what anyone says," Circo said, "and in the long run the youth of today will realize that drugs are simply not the way to go."



Scott Logan



Civil Liberties Union calls for 'reasonable regulation'

# NORML promotes, PRIDE opposes liberal drug laws

By J. Frank Ault

The disobedience to marijuana laws is so widespread that the opposition to existing laws is organized and led by state and nationwide citizen groups.

"We seek regulation of marijuana, for the protection of the consumer and the protection of the individual's right to privacy," said Don Fiedler, Nebraska State Coordinator for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

Fiedler, a lawyer since 1970, became involved with NORML in 1977 when he began receiving referrals from the organization. He had handled some drug defenses.

"When such a large segment of the population is doing something, all we are doing with laws that punish marijuana smokers is creating a class of outlaws out of otherwise law-abiding citizens," Fiedler said.

Mike Winchester, a Council Bluffs attorney, disagrees. "Just because a group of people is doing something, the government is under no obligation to approve. A man who murders his wife just once is an otherwise law-abiding citizen."

Winchester said he sides with the ground-

swell of opposition to groups seeking to liberalize marijuana laws. Though not an official representative, he has been involved with Parent Resource for Information and Drug Education (PRIDE).

Opponents of the liberalization are forced by the evidence to acknowledge that nothing can be proven harmful in marijuana use, but, Winchester said, experimental evidence is hard to find for any substance. "It's just one of those things you know isn't good for you."

Whatever the effects, Fiedler said, "the Constitution guarantees the pursuit of happiness. Why is it logical to think that the government can tell us what recreational substances we want injected into our bodies?"

The American Civil Liberties Union agrees. UNO Criminal Justice Professor Sam Walker sits on the national board of the ACLU and is former head of the Nebraska chapter, NCLU. Walker said policy #214 of the bylaws of the ACLU calls for "reasonable regulation of marijuana," and condemns criminal penalties for its possession and use.

The difference between criminal penalties and decriminalized penalties is similar to the difference between murder and parking tickets.

Advocates of decriminalization don't think marijuana use belongs in the same category as murder.

PRIDE is primarily concerned with the effects liberal laws have on youth and the idea of modeling behavior.

"Drug education is absolutely necessary, and we have to give kids the real facts, not just the kind NORML uses to advance its cause," Winchester said. He also accused NORML of being hypocritical about appealing to students and minors, claiming that Boulder High School in Boulder Colo. has its own chapter of NORML with a special student membership rate.

Fiedler denied any knowledge of such a thing, and said that NORML's refusal of minors to its membership is one of the contributing factors to its present financial difficulties.

"NORML has tremendous financial problems right now. We have one or two paid employees. The rest is all-volunteer work," Fiedler said. "NORML will never die. The flame isn't out, but the pilot light is very low at the moment."

Ironically, NORML's single largest contributor last year was the Republican Party. This occurred when the GOP decided it didn't care to continue sharing a building with NORML,

which had its national headquarters upstairs. The party bought the building, then paid NORML to move.

Fiedler blames the shift in public opinion for the faltering state of his organization, and charged that parent groups have emotionalized the issue.

"These libertarians want all the rights and none of the responsibility," said Winchester. "If we say, 'O.K. Do what you want,' we should also say, 'but we won't be there to pick up the pieces when you destroy yourself.'" Winchester said this would reduce the amount of government money spent on drug rehabilitation.

Essentially both sides agree that the question is one of rights guaranteed by the Constitution rather than the protection of society through laws. The problem is simply where to draw the line, they said.

Fiedler said NORML would support stiff penalties for irresponsible use of all substances, such as causing a car accident while under the influence of marijuana, but said his bottom line is, "we're victims of government harassment. It's our business."

## Student fees pay for UNO chapter of lobbying body

By Kevin McAndrews

In the October 1982 student election, UNO students approved a referendum to join the Nebraska State Student Association (NSSA).

Since then a collection of 50 cents per student during registration enabled formation of a UNO chapter of the NSSA.

Approximately \$7,500 raised from the collection was expected to be paid to the NSSA from the UNO chapter.

However, the cost of computer programming to assess the fee, a 3 percent administrative charge, and student refunds could reduce this amount to less than \$3,600.

The one-time charge for making a computer program for the fee assessment was \$3,362 according to John Moore, assistant vice chancellor of finance.

Don Skeahan, director of the student center, said about 100 students received refunds.

The NSSA lobbies in the Legislature for students enrolled at Peru State, Wayne State, UNL and now UNO.

Deb Chapelle, NSSA executive director, runs the association at its Lincoln headquarters.

"The NSSA is not just a concept but a reality with a job to do," Chapelle said.

But for UNO, that reality has been a long time coming. During last summer, administrative procedures delayed collection of the student fees required for UNO to become a member of the NSSA.

Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services, blamed the delay on student representatives whom he said failed to meet his deadline for submission of a constitution and bylaws for the NSSA. The documents were needed by Hoover so he could understand how the NSSA wanted to exist at UNO.

Hoover said the deadline was set because he needed enough time to initiate steps for the collection of the voluntary fee. Re-programming of computer software was also needed to assess the fee at registration, said Hoover.

Because the fee was not collected last fall, the NSSA suspended UNO voting rights at board meetings. Those rights were returned this semester.

Don Carlson, student government recording secretary, accused the administration of taking an "arms-length approach" to the formation of a UNO chapter of the NSSA.

Although the fee was collected by UNO, the NSSA chapter is not recognized as a student organization, Hoover said.

"They are a free-standing group of people," he said. "We are not backing them because it would appear that the university was running things . . . It is their responsibility to govern within themselves."

Hoover added that the NSSA would be restricted to regulations of the university, as are all recognized student organizations, if they were given organizational status.

Carlson said early efforts of forming the UNO chapter included an attempt to receive organizational status.

Hoover said the NSSA student representatives wanted privileges without the restraints. He said he believes the current status of the NSSA would be best for the students in the long run.

Carlson said that he was satisfied with the present existence of the NSSA as a chapter at UNO. He said it would allow freedom to express policy without administrative restraints.

Presently the NSSA is lobbying in the Nebraska Legislature on bills beneficial to state education.

Two bills the NSSA is concentrating on, are LB 255 and LB 126.

LB 225 would provide funding for a state scholarship program.

"We've been testifying and lobbying in the Legislature, trying to get money into existing scholarships," said Carlson. "We want to give the state scholarship program a chance with funding."

Chapelle, who works daily with legislators, said the NSSA would like to see \$5 million go into the scholarship program, which has existed since 1978.

Money would be available to public and private universities. The NSSA testified that a lid of \$1,800 should be imposed to ensure equity when scholarships are awarded.

Private schools would benefit by elimination of the lid because their tuition is higher, Chapelle said.

The NSSA also testified in favor of LB 126. If passed, the bill would create a state-financed work study program.

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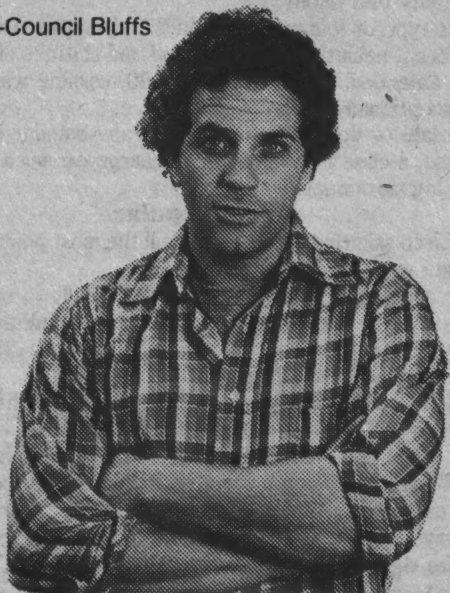
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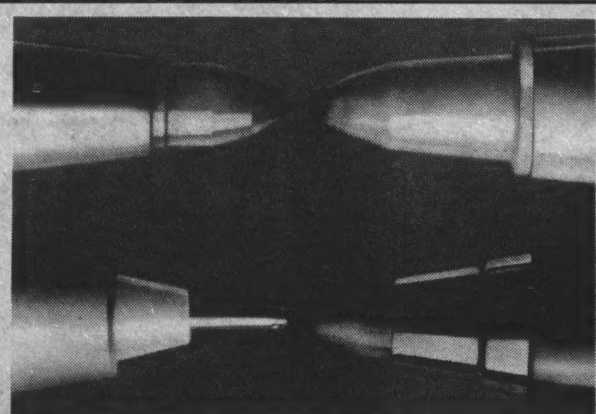
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# Sports

Host Sioux, Bison

## Mavs face crucial weekend

Bob Hanson doesn't like to waste time speculating on the outcome of the North Central Conference basketball race.

"I just think about them one game at a time now," the Maverick coach said. "I'm most concerned about Friday's game."

"I haven't started to figure out combinations, this, that, if they lose. That's for sports information directors."

Speculation aside, the Mavs face a pair of must-win games this weekend, playing North Dakota Friday night in the Fieldhouse and drawing title-contender North Dakota State Saturday. Both games start at 8 p.m.

The Mavs, 11-4 in the NCC, trail Morningside and NDSU in the standings. North Dakota State is 11-3 and will face Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo., tonight. Morningside was also 11-3 before a Tuesday night game against St. Cloud State at Minnesota.

Hanson said revenge will be on the minds of both UND's Sioux and NDSU's Bison. UNO had never beat either team on its home floor in Hanson's 14 years with the Mavs. Both strings came to an end in late January, when the Mavs went north and beat North Dakota 80-79 and NDSU 87-70.

The Bison have won six straight conference games since the loss to UNO.

A young North Dakota team, which includes 10 freshmen, also comes in on a roll, having won three straight overtime games.

Though with a 6-8 NCC mark the Sioux are out of contention for the title, Hanson said they still have got something at stake.

With an 11-13 record overall, the Sioux are looking to avoid their first losing season ever under Dave Gunther, who is in his 13th season at the NDU helm.

"They're fighting for a winning season," Hanson said. "Overall, they have some things to fight for."

Talk of contending for the NCC title seemed miles away for the Mavs Friday night after a 71-65 loss to Morningside, which left the Mavs 1½ games back of the Chiefs.

"After the game I told them that we still weren't out of it," Hanson said. "There are a lot of games left, so anything can happen."

The next night bore Hanson's words out, as Morningside fell to North Colorado and the Mavs topped South Dakota to make up for the lost ground.

"It gave us renewed hope, which I hadn't given up on to start with," Hanson said.

The high emotion of the UNO-Morningside battle may have caused the Chiefs to have a let-down against UNC, Hanson said.

"They had such an emotional game with us they called it the biggest win in the school's history," he said.

Morningside has never had the reputation as a winner — in any sport, which makes their position in the NCC the season's biggest surprise.

"It tells you something about their program and our program when they call their win the greatest in their history," Hanson said.

Steve Brekke, last week's NCC Player of the Week, will lead the Sioux into tonight's game. The 6-5 senior averages 16.4 points per game, and his rebounding average of 10.4 is almost twice that of any Mav.

North Dakota State will be tough both inside and out with 6-10 Lance Berwald at center and the quickness of guard Jeff Askew.



Kevin McAndrews

### Spring must be near

The UNO baseball team takes advantage of 40-degree temperatures Tuesday to hold batting practice on the artificial turf at Caniglia Field. Obviously, no score was kept. The team has held conditioning workouts inside the Fieldhouse for much of the winter. The Mavericks, who placed second in the conference a year ago to Mankato State, will open their 1983 season in Murray, Ky., over spring break against Murray State.

## Wrestling aide Oliver seeks return trip to Soviet Union

By Henry Cordes

Roye Oliver hopes to be calling on Moscow again this summer. Oliver, a graduate assistant with the UNO wrestling team, competed with a U.S. team on a two-week tour through the Soviet Union last month.

Oliver, who wrestles in the 163-pound division, is preparing for this summer's U.S. trials that could earn him a trip back to the Soviet Union for the world championships.

"I'll be ready to go again this summer," he said. "I might be able to enjoy it a little more in the summer instead of freezing to death."

In last month's trip to the Soviet Union, Oliver's second in two years, he won two of six matches against the Soviets.

But he wasn't discouraged by the showing.

"All of them were real close," Oliver said. "I really feel I could have won every match. I see I've got to concentrate more on my tactics and brush up more on my technique."

"But we did better than any U.S. team that ever went there." The U.S. team, like Oliver, lost four of the matches with the Soviets.

"We got ripped by the officials a little bit; we would have won more if they had been more consistent on their calls. But they hate to lose to the U.S."

Oliver said he enjoyed the chance to compete against the Soviet wrestlers, the world's best.

"I learned a lot of new techniques from the Russians," he said. "I hope to put some of them in my style."

Politics is not a motivation when wrestling the Soviets, Oliver said. The coaches and officials are the ones that make it political; the wrestlers are just out to better themselves.

In fact, he said the American and Soviet wrestlers got along

very well.

"They weren't supposed to, but a lot of them snuck up to our rooms, and we snuck down to theirs," he said.

Oliver said the U.S. team was allowed to move freely about the cities in the tour, which included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Minsk and Tbilisi. He enjoyed the chance to communicate with the Soviet people.

The best part, he said, was trading with the Soviets on the black market.

"They may be Communists, but deep down, the people have a lot of capitalist in them because of the way they trade. We have a lot of things that they like and can't get. It felt good to sneak them things."

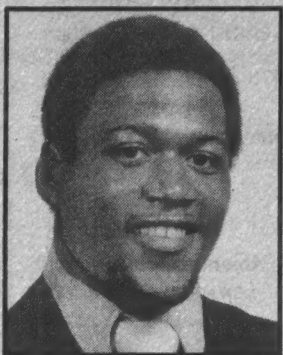
The hottest items on the black market, Oliver said, were jeans, shoes, and anything that had USA emblazoned on it.

He said the people were also the biggest disappointment of the trip.

"They're satisfied with any kind of job they're given instead of doing what they want," he said. For many, those jobs included mundane tasks like sweeping streets or opening doors.

"That's the one thing that I thought was really bad. There was no challenge among the people like among the wrestlers. There wasn't any competition."

He said the media in the Soviet Union stressed the problems of the United States "to keep the people satisfied. They're



Oliver

trying to show Russia is better than us, but deep down, they have a long way to go."

More than anything, Oliver said the trip made him appreciate what he was doing.

"All of their wrestlers were paid for competing all their life," he said. "We have to work to support our families and find our own time to train. Being there really makes you appreciate it more."

He said his wife and two children have supported him in his efforts to be a world-class wrestler.

"It's hard for them. They really have to sacrifice a lot; we don't have the good things for the kids," he said. "I'm glad they're being patient with me. They've stood beside me 100 percent."

The biggest obstacle between Oliver and another trip to the Soviet Union this summer is Leroy Kemp. Kemp, a graduate assistant at the University of Wisconsin, is a three-time world champion.

Kemp has twice narrowly defeated Oliver to earn berths on U.S. world championship teams.


Oliver must face the fact that after wrestling all over the world, his biggest rival is only 500 miles away.

Oliver, however, is confident.

"I'm just going to have to do it," he said. "I have to feel good about myself. It's only a matter of time."

He said the recent trip to the Soviet Union is a big boost in this confidence.

"I know I can go with the Soviets, which made me really feel good," he said. "If you know you can go with the Russians, you can easily be the best in the world. I'm not that far from being a world champ."



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# NCC race may become waiting game for Lady Mavs

By Henry Cordes

For the UNO women's basketball team, the battle for the conference title could turn into a waiting game.

"We definitely need to get these two wins under our belt this weekend just to stay in the race," Coach Cherri Mankenberg said of the games Friday and Saturday, matching UNO against North Dakota and North Dakota State. "It will be a waiting game, but we have to get by this weekend before we can even anticipate waiting."

The Lady Mavs are currently in a three-way tie for first in the North Central Conference with South Dakota and North Dakota at 5-3. North Dakota State is also in contention, a game back at 4-4.

Should the Lady Mavs fare well this weekend, the wait will begin. South Dakota, idle this week, will face North Dakota and

NDSU next weekend in a pair of games that ultimately will decide the conference title.

With four teams still in contention and several meeting head-to-head, the possibilities are many. At stake for the Lady Mavs is an unprecedented fourth consecutive NCC title.

Mankenberg said revenge will be a big factor in the games this weekend, which both start at 5:45 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

The Lady Mavs earlier lost both games of a road trip to North Dakota, to NDU by two points, to NDSU in overtime.

"We just ended up on the short end of the stick," Mankenberg said. "There's no reason we should have lost to them in the first place. We should have played much better."

"But we didn't. Now we have to rally to get them at home this season."

The losses in North Dakota were the low point of the Lady Mav season, leaving them 1-

2 in the conference.

They then ran off four straight wins before falling 64-58 to South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D., last weekend. That loss dropped the Lady Mavs into their current three-way tie.

"We had the whole week to prepare for USD, and our shooting percentage was just terrible," Mankenberg said.

"In the first half alone we missed 11 layups. We just couldn't get the ball to fall in the hole."

"Those kinds of things are hard to swallow. We played hard, but we didn't play smart at times. If we could have executed the shots we certainly could have come home with a victory."

Mankenberg said rebounding could be a key in tonight's game against North Dakota. The Sioux outrebounded UNO in their earlier meeting.

UND's Dona Corcoran had 14 rebounds

against UNO in Grand Forks. She is the leading scorer in the NCC with a 15.8 point average.

NDSU will enter Saturday's game on a roll, having taken big wins over South Dakota State and Augustana last weekend to move into the title picture.

The Bison are led by forward Shelley Oistad, who is averaging 12.6 points and 7.5 rebounds.

The last three meetings between NDSU and the Lady Mavs have ended in two overtime games and a one-point UNO win.

The one-point win came in the finals of the NCC tourney last year and gave UNO its third straight title.

"I can say both games will be real physical," Mankenberg said. "They're both big games, so I'm glad to have them at home. I hope to get a lot of people out there, because its really important."

"A lot's at stake, needless to say."

## UNO 'in contention' for women's track title

By Henry Cordes

UNO women's track coach Bob Condon said his team won't need super-human performances to be in contention for the North Central Conference indoor title this weekend.

"We don't need once-in-a-lifetime performances to win this," he said. "We just need performances we have already run this year."

Condon sees the team race as being waged between three teams: North Dakota State, defending champ South Dakota State and the Lady Mavs. But he stopped short of naming a favorite for the meet in Vermillion, S.D.

"It's a toss up to me. I wish I knew more about North Dakota State," he said. "And I don't underestimate South Dakota State at all. They're feisty. The way the meet went this weekend, close among three teams, that's the way I see it."

"I guess I wouldn't want to pick a favorite. I don't think it's us, in all honesty, but I think we have a chance."

The Lady Mavs' hopes were lifted this weekend with a win in a five-team meet hosted in the UNO Fieldhouse. UNO edged South Dakota State 43-39.

Condon said the performance showed the Lady Mavs they can win despite their losses to injuries this year. Three Lady Mavs even left the meet early with illness.

"I didn't expect to be able to pull out the people we did and win," he said. "But I know South Dakota State will come back strong this week."

A year ago, South Dakota State edged UNO for the indoor title on the strength of its distance-running corps.

But Condon said that could be a different story this week. In last weekend's meet, Lady Mav freshman Cheryl Fonley won the 3,000-meter run and freshman Linda Elsasser won the

1,500, both easily beating South Dakota State's top finishers.

"A key will be scoring high in the distance events, doing something similar to what we did this weekend. That will hurt South Dakota State terribly, not to mention help ourselves," Condon said.

Condon said he expects SDSU to switch some people around in the distance events, including putting Audrey Stavrum in the 3,000 against Fonley. Stavrum, who ran in the 800 last weekend, is the defending 10,000-meter champion outdoors.

Scoring points in the long-jump will be a major factor for the Lady Mav hopes, Condon said. Janice Pearson and Becky Wilson will fill that event for UNO.

"We've been up and down in that event this year," Condon said. "Both girls have jumped long enough that they should place. We're just not pulling in the field event points like we have in the past."

The 55 hurdles, where the Lady Mavs have three freshmen, will be another key area.

"The hurdles have been coming along real well. We have the possibility of scoring quite a few points," Condon said.

Condon said a promising aspect of last week's performance was that the Lady Mavs won five gold medals, each by a different athlete.

"That's important," he said. "UNO's always been a quality-type team. The bigger the meet, the better we shine through."

Condon said the attitude of the team is right for the conference meet. No Lady Mav track team has ever finished below second in a conference meet, indoors or out.

"I think they're pretty realistic about it," he said. "We've never had a lousy conference meet. I don't think this group is going to be that way either."

## Mavs take right attitude into conference track meet

By Henry Cordes

UNO men's track coach Don Patton said his team has the right attitude heading into the North Central Conference indoor meet this weekend.

"They're anxious," he said. "I really feel they're like a boxer ready to knock the hell out of someone. In the past we've gone in nervous. They have a good attitude."

The meet will open today in the South Dakota University DakotaDome in Vermillion, S.D., and will conclude tomorrow.

Patton said anyone of five teams could come away with the title. And though he admits this year's team is down a little from the one that finished second to Northern Colorado a year ago, he expects to be among those five.

"Some years we'll be stronger than others, but we'll never be out of the hunt," he said. "One year we had only 11 kids in the outdoor meet and were in the hunt at the end."

"We have some quality people that will score no matter what the size of the meet. But it's got to be a meet that's really cut up point-wise. If somebody gets a hot hand, we'll have some trouble."

Patton said the Mavericks' performances the past two weeks have been a big boost to their confidence and his optimism for the NCC meet.

Two weeks ago, the Mavs edged Kearney State by a point, winning the meet's last event. Last week, the Mavs outran Central Missouri State 71-60.

Central Missouri had soundly defeated Northwest Missouri, which had handled the Mavs early in the season.

Patton said the showing is indicative of how far his team has come in the last two weeks.

"On paper, there's no way we could beat Central Missouri," he said. "They beat Northwest by 60 points. It's always nice to beat people. Central Missouri was no shabby team."

When asked to pick a favorite for the meet, Patton gave the nod to North Dakota State.

"They're loaded in about nine events," he said. But the Bison have yet to compete on the road this season, which Patton said could be an equalizer.

"Two years ago they came in an odds-on favorite and they struggled," he said. "They may just steamroll right through it, but we have an opportunity to do some things."

Patton said the performances of UNO's freshmen in their first big meet could become a major factor in the Mavs' title bid.

"A lot depends on how the freshmen do," he said. "Some of the young kids could be very instrumental."

UNO injuries could also play a factor, Patton said. Top sprinter Bobby McNair will be out of the meet with a hamstring problem, and Todd Polson will be kept out of the 60-yard dash with a hamstring injury. Those injuries weaken what is usually a strong-point for the Mavs.

Patton said all the runners UNO takes to the meet will have the potential to score.

"To be truthful, this is not the most talented team we've ever had," he said. "But I feel this is the most enjoyable, hard-working group we've ever had. They're all good workers."

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# Denney: Mavs are dark horse for Division II national meet

By Henry Cordes

UNO wrestling coach Mike Denney said his team would have to be labeled a dark horse in the Division II national meet.

"I think if you'd ask the other coaches, they'd pick Bakersfield No. 1, then Southern Illinois, North Dakota State, and Nebraska-Omaha as the dark horse. But we could be in it," he said.

The fourth-rated Mavs have qualified eight wrestlers for the meet, which will be held in Fargo, N.D., Sunday and Monday.

California State-Bakersfield, the top-rated team in Division II, will also send eight wrestlers. Southern Illinois, rated second, will have all ten of its wrestlers, as will the host school, third-rated North Dakota State.

The eight UNO representatives qualified for the meet by finishing in the top four in last week's North Central Conference meet in Fargo, where the Mavs placed second to NDSU.

Senior heavyweight Mark Rigatuso, 190-pound senior Greg Wilcox, 177-pound junior Rick Heckendorn and 150-pound sophomore Mark Manning all captured NCC championships.

Mark Weston, the Mavs' 118-pounder, and 167-pounder Jim Kimsey were both runners-up in the conference. Senior 126-pounder Phil Pisasale was third, and senior Bob Hoffman was fourth at 134.

"We have eight guys I feel can be All-Americans, and I really feel good about that," Denney said. All-American status goes to the top eight finishers in each weight division at the national meet.

"I feel really good about the way we wrestled at the conference. It so happens North Dakota State beat us, but it might not happen again. We're going to be in the thick of things."

Though the three teams rated ahead of the Mavs have all beaten them head-to-head this season, Denney said the size of the national meet could make a difference.

"Now you're talking about quality," he said. "I think we have eight quality wrestlers going

to the tournament. Southern Illinois probably thinks they have 10. I don't think so."

Denney said the experience of the UNO team is also a plus.

Seven of the eight UNO entrants have experience wrestling in a national championship meet. Five have been in the Division II nationals before. Three, Wilcox, Hoffman and Rigatuso, are returning All-Americans, and Rigatuso is a returning national champion.

"Those are all positive things," Denney said. Denney said his team has yet to reach its peak, especially Kimsey, who has wrestled only 10 matches this season since returning from an injury. Most Mavs have wrestled over 30, and Denney said you can see the difference.

"With every one (Kimsey) wrestles, he gets a little sharper," Denney said.

All eight UNO wrestlers should be seeded among the top eight at their weights in the meet, according to Denney.

He sees Rigatuso and Manning as No. 1 seeds, Wilcox and Heckendorn in the top three, and the others somewhere in the top eight.

"If we finish according to the seeds, we have the chance for a national championship," he said.

"But there's really not a lot of pressure on us, because three teams are rated ahead of us.

"I feel as good as I've ever felt about our preparation for nationals. We're ready to give it our best effort."

In Denney's three previous years at UNO, the Mavs have placed, in order, 12th, fourth and third in the national meet.

"Hopefully, we'll keep right on moving up the ladder," he said.

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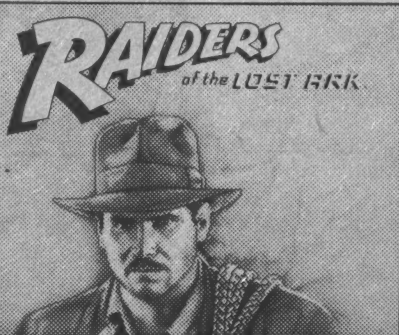
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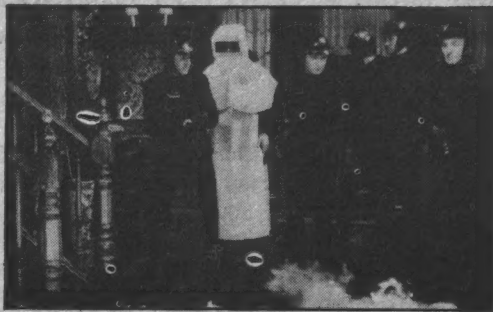


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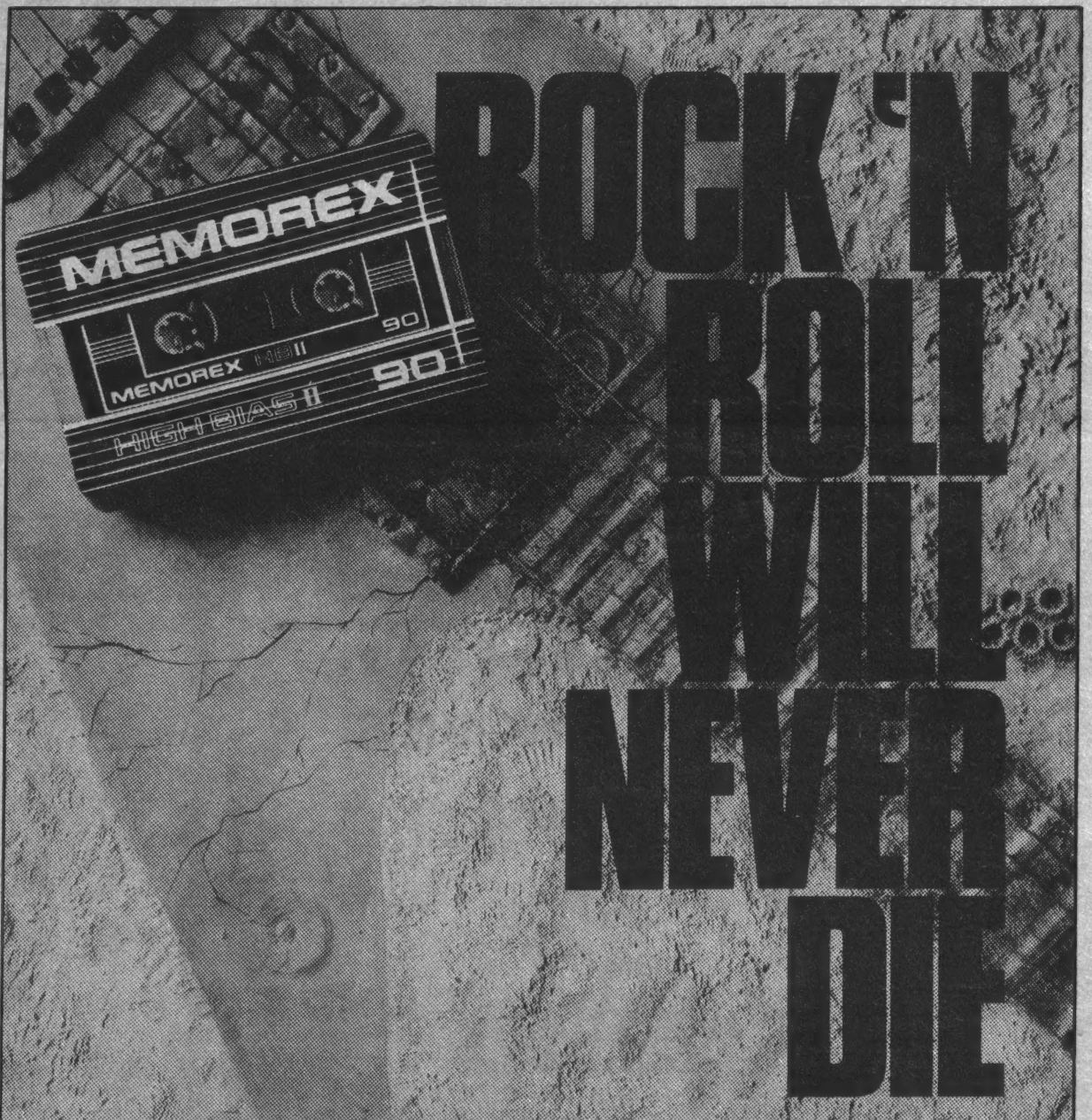
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